

Useful phone numbers & Web sites

ConnPACE

1-800-423-5026

www.connpace.com

Medicare

1-800-Medicare (633-4227)

www.medicare.gov

2-1-1 Infoline

Dial 2-1-1 24-hour/7-day information and referral services

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-800-477-2669)

www.pparx.org

Please call the above number to see if you qualify for free or reduced price prescription drug assistance.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The General Assembly recently expanded the state's energy assistance program to include more residents.

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) will provide assistance to low- and moderate-income households to help with heating costs. For more information contact the Department of Social Services at

1-800-842-1132 or 211, Infoline.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE **MEDICARE PART D**

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Who is eligible?

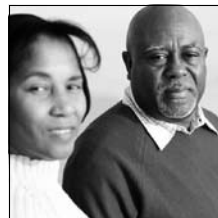
People who have Medicare Part A or B will be eligible for Medicare drug coverage. They can enroll in any of the Part D plans that serve the area in which they live. Generally, those who are over the age of 65 or disabled and over the age of 18 are eligible for Medicare.

When do you enroll?

In this first year of the program, the enrollment period is November 15, 2005–May 15, 2006. In future years, open enrollment will run only from November 15th to December 31st annually.

Will Part D drug plans differ?

Yes. Each drug plan can set and change its own formulary as long as its coverage is considered at least equivalent to the standard benefit. In Connecticut, over 40 different plans will be available, with varying premiums and benefit levels.



Can I keep ConnPACE coverage?

Yes. ConnPACE participants must enroll in a Part D plan and pay the annual ConnPACE \$30 registration fee. ConnPACE will cover the Part D monthly premiums and any deductible. Recipients will continue to pay a co-payment of no more than \$16.25—sometimes even less—even during the Medicare gap (“the doughnut hole”).

Is there help for people with low income?

Yes. Varying levels of assistance to help pay for monthly premiums and annual deductibles are available based on income and assets.

If you earn less than \$14,355 (\$19,245 for a married couple), you may be eligible for at least a partial subsidy. Call Medicare (1-800-MEDICARE) to find out.

Where can I get help understanding and enrolling in Part D?

Contact the CHOICES program at the Elderly Services Division of the Department of Social Services: 1-800-994-9422 or on the web at www.ctelderlyservices.state.ct.us/PubsFrm.htm, or Medicare: 1-800-MEDICARE.